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Joins Public School Advocates to Call for Fair Funding for our Children

MADISON – Representative Riemer (D—Milwaukee) released the following statement following the unveiling of legislation Representative Riemer and others introduced to provide fair funding for Wisconsin’s public schools:

“I am happy to join parents, community members, and educational leaders from all over Wisconsin to introduce legislation that would provide fair funding for Wisconsin’s public school children. Following years of drastic budget cuts, for the first time Wisconsin falls below the national average in per-pupil funding. As I go door-to-door hearing from constituents on the state budget proposed by Governor Walker and legislative Republicans, I consistently hear concerns that cuts to public education are detrimental to the students I represent in Milwaukee, West Allis, West Milwaukee, Greenfield, as well as across the state.

“It is time to provide fair funding for children attending public schools, something that has been a high priority in this state until recently. Increasing special education reimbursements to help provide quality opportunities for students with special needs, and lifting revenue caps that stand in the way of decision making at the local level are two things we can do right now to show Wisconsin’s commitment to public education.

“While legislative Republicans shortchange Wisconsin’s public schools solely to help Governor Walker’s presidential campaign, I am proud to introduce proactive measures that will help strengthen the public schools that provide the backbone to so many of our neighborhoods and communities. I will continue to stand up for public education and work hard to guarantee all kids in Wisconsin receive the world-class education they deserve.”

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